

SUPPLEMENTAL REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE INVENTOR

Docket Number (Optional)
BSI-430US8

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in patent number 5,855,598 granted January 5, 1999, and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled EXPANDABLE SUPPORTIVE BRANCHED ENDOLUMINAL GRAFTS.

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed on September 5, 2000 as reissue application number 09/657,041
and was amended on _____
(If applicable)

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, for the reasons described below. (Check all boxes that apply.)

☐ by reason of a defective specification or drawing.

☒ by reason of the patentee claiming less than he had the right to claim in the patent.

☐ by reason of other errors.

At least one error upon which reissue is based is described below. If the reissue is a broadening reissue, such must be stated with an explanation as to the nature of the broadening:

This reissue is a broadening reissue. At least the following errors exist as a basis for this reissue:

1. Originally the claims required that the liner of the trunk component have both a generally cylindrical upper body portion and a generally cylindrical lower body portion. The error is that this is unduly narrow in that the liner need only have a generally cylindrical body portion and two leg portions.

2. Originally the claims required several steps to make a supportive graft, including inserting and inflating a liner. The error here is that this is unduly narrow in that the specification also teaches simply a method of forming a supporting component comprising the steps of forming a support component and crimping at least one portion to provide a multiple-lumen portion.

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All errors corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant. As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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